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Subject: TX RH email box

The email box issue (email box could not accept emails due to a permissions issue) was resolved yesterday afternoon and the floodgates have opened. We have received over 1000 emails that all appear to be some variation of the message below. The emails are being sent through a service called KnowWho. They continue to trickle in a few emails every minute.

Dear R6 TX BART,

I fully supported the prior proposed regional haze plan from January 2017 to clean up emissions from some of Texas' oldest and dirtiest coal plants. EPA should have finalized those strong protections, which would have eliminated more than 180,000 tons of sulfur dioxide currently being released by nine coal plants across the state. This current proposal appears to allow for more pollution that was being emitted in 2016 and will do nothing to improve visibility at our national parks.

Of the coal units covered by this plan, several have actually retired or are planning to retire- yet this rule potentially gifts that avoided pollution to the remaining dirty, poorly controlled coal plants. The State of Texas has made it clear that it is content to let coal pollution continue unabated in our parks and communities. In fact, Texas found that not a single source should have to reduce its pollution to comply with the regional haze rule. EPA should stand up for communities across Texas and our national parks and finally require that these plants meet modern pollution control standards.

The power plants covered by the plan create air pollution that harms Big Bend and Guadalupe Mountains National Parks in Texas, as well as other protected lands and wilderness areas in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and New Mexico. It isn't right for these dirty plants to continue polluting at the expense of our some of the most important and protected places. EPA must reject this pollution trading plan as described in this proposal because it will do nothing to lower sulfur pollution or improve visibility in national parks. Instead, EPA should ensure actual emission reductions from the oldest and dirtiest plants covered by this proposal and require the affected coal units to meet emissions limits achievable with modern pollution controls (as described in EPA's January 2017 Regional Haze Proposal).

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